

Amendments to the Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (New) A tank for a heat exchanger, said tank comprising:

a perimeter portion enclosing an inner space, and a partition portion partitioning said inner space into first and second chambers elongated along a first direction;

wherein said perimeter portion and said partition portion constitute an extrusion-formed integrated unit;

wherein said perimeter portion has a plurality of tube-insertion holes formed therein, said tube-insertion holes being spaced apart along said first direction and facing in a second direction so as to be arranged to receive elongated tubes elongated in the second direction;

wherein said partition portion extends along said first direction;

wherein said partition portion divides said inner space so that said first and second chambers are separated from each other along a third direction perpendicular to said second direction; and

wherein a communication passage is formed as a through hole in said partition portion connecting between said first and second chambers.

13.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 12, wherein

said plurality of tube insertion holes includes first tube insertion holes opening into said first chamber, and second tube insertion holes opening into said second chamber.

14.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 12, wherein

a wall thickness of said partition portion is equal to or greater than 0.4mm and equal to or less than 1.65mm.

- 15.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 14, wherein
said communication passage is constituted by a punched hole punched through said
partition portion.
- 16.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 14, wherein
the wall thickness of said perimeter portion is equal to or greater than a wall thickness of
said partition portion.
- 17.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 13, wherein
a wall thickness of said perimeter portion is equal to or greater than a wall thickness of
said partition portion.
- 18.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 12, wherein
a wall thickness of said perimeter portion is equal to or greater than a wall thickness of
said partition portion.
- 19.(New) A tank for a heat exchanger, according to claim 12, wherein
said communication passage is constituted by a punched hole punched through said
partition portion.